

House File 182 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the development of a proposal to establish a
2 family court in the judicial branch.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. FAMILY COURTS.

2 1. The supreme court shall develop a proposal to establish
3 a family court in the judicial branch. The proposal shall
4 include a description of the powers and responsibilities of
5 the family court, an implementation schedule, budget, and an
6 outline for the relationship of the family court with the
7 department of human services, child welfare and delinquency
8 services providers, and other publicly funded providers of
9 services intended to stabilize families in this state. The
10 proposal shall include proposed statutory changes to implement
11 family courts and other recommendations identified by the
12 supreme court.

13 2. The supreme court shall submit the proposal to establish
14 a family court to the governor and general assembly on or
15 before December 1, 2015.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires the supreme court to develop a proposal
20 to establish a family court in the judicial branch. Certain
21 elements are to be included in the proposal. The proposal is
22 required to be submitted to the governor and general assembly
23 on or before December 1, 2015.